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## Winamac Police Department Moves into New Station

The Winamac Police Department has a new home as of fall 2017. Winamac Town Manager and IMPA Commissioner Brad Zellers said the town's six police officers are more than happy with the new police station. The building was bought from an individual in town in early summer 2017. The new station is catty-corner from the Winamac Town Hall on Main Street.

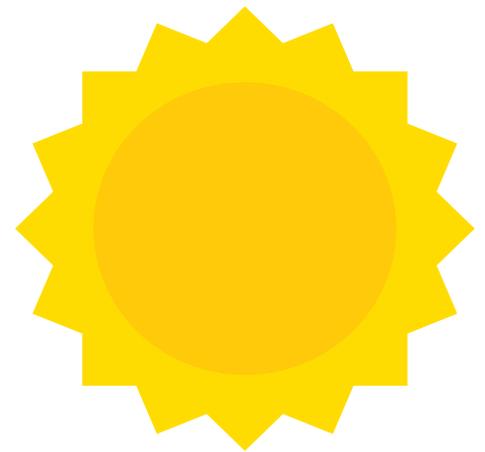
"We bought the building for around \$100,000 and did all of the work in-house, so we were able to save a lot of money that way," Zellers said. "There are some great town employees that helped us renovate it, including a contractor from the electric department."

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# Beat the Heat with Energy Saving Tips

Summer is here, and that means hot, sticky temperatures. You can find relief in a number of places – the museum, pool and even your own home – and still control your electricity costs. As a member of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, your local utility already provides you with affordable rates. Now, it's up to you to save even more and help your local utility manage costs during the peak summer months. Follow one or more of these tips and enjoy a cool, less expensive summer:

- Replace air filters regularly. Dirty air filters can increase your electric bill by 20 percent.
- Shade your outside air conditioning unit with trees or shrubs, but do not block the air flow. A unit operating in the shade uses as much as 10 percent less electricity. Keep plants, shrubs and bushes trimmed so they are at least 18 inches away from your outside A/C unit to allow air to flow freely.
- Use your ceiling fans and pedestal fans. Fans can make it feel three to four degrees cooler. Fans should turn counterclockwise in the summer and clockwise in the winter.
- Do not place lamps or televisions near your air conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Turn your thermostat down when you aren't home, but be mindful of pets. You can save 10 percent of your electricity costs each year by turning the thermostat down 10 to 15 percent for 8 hours.
- Turn your thermostat down when you are sleeping.
- Windows can account for 10 to 25 percent of your electric bill. Install lightly colored window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect heat away from your windows. Close curtains on the south and west facing windows.
- Seal and/or insulate your ductwork.
- Use light-emitting diode (LED) or compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs instead of incandescent light bulbs. LEDs and CFLs last longer, save on energy costs and don't produce heat like the incandescent bulbs.
- Appliances and electronics generate heat. Turn them off when you aren't using them.
- Close the doors in rooms you don't often use so you're not cooling them as well.
- Try to stay in or out. Opening and closing doors lets cold air out and warm air in.



# How Much Do My Appliances Cost to Run?

Today we are using more appliances and electronics than ever before. Have you ever wondered how much it really costs to run each device? Here are some figures using average electric costs for a residential public power customer:

To run one dishwasher cycle  
(depending on how much  
hot water is used)



\$0.17 - \$0.73

To run a central A/C system  
for two hours



\$0.28 - \$0.81

To watch two hours of television  
(ranges for different types of TVs)



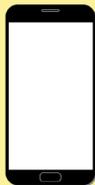
\$0.02 - \$0.06

To light a room for three hours with  
four 60-watt-equivalent CFLs



\$0.02

To recharge a smartphone



<\$0.01

To heat a household's water  
heater for one month



\$46 - \$77

\*Information from the American Public Power Association

# IMPA Welcomes New Solar Parks

IMPA added to its diverse portfolio of power supply resources in 2017 with the construction of four solar parks. In 2018, the Agency will continue its ongoing commitment to providing a low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power supply to its 61 communities.

Thousands of additional homes around the state were powered last year thanks to the efforts of IMPA and the member communities the Agency serves. Communities in which solar parks were implemented in 2017 include Anderson, Flora, Greenfield and Spiceland.

Other IMPA communities in which solar parks have been built include Argos, Bainbridge, Crawfordsville, Frankton, Huntingburg, Pendleton, Peru, Rensselaer, Richmond, Tell City, Washington and Waynetown.

Raj Rao, IMPA President and CEO, said the output of solar parks throughout the state enables the Agency to continue expanding its diverse portfolio through the addition of solar energy.

“We are certain these parks will have a lasting impact on the communities,” Rao said.

IMPA has begun construction on additional solar parks in IMPA member communities for 2018. Generation data for each solar park is available on IMPA’s website at [www.impa.com/solar](http://www.impa.com/solar).

## Anderson 2

- 8.1 MW
- Largest IMPA solar park
- Powers over 1,000 homes annually

## Flora

- 0.81 MW
- 2,964 solar panels
- Powers over 100 homes annually

## Greenfield

- 2.84 MW
- 10,450 solar panels
- Powers over 400 homes annually

## Spiceland

- 0.53 MW
- 1,938 solar panels
- Powers over 80 homes annually

# Town of Winamac Receives Multiple Grants

Several grants have helped the Town of Winamac keep up with improvements to its downtown in recent months. In 2017 the town received a \$10,000 grant from the The Community Foundation Of Pulaski County, which was used to build public restrooms close to downtown.

Winamac Town Manager and IMPA Commissioner Brad Zellers said the restrooms will be a great addition to downtown Winamac, especially as events become more frequent as the weather gets warmer this spring and summer.

“We didn’t have public restrooms that could be used by people attending events downtown before, which was slightly inconvenient, especially when people bring children to events or even to simply enjoy being downtown,” Zellers said. “It was also inconvenient for the hosts of downtown events because renting portable restrooms can get expensive over time. This could also motivate attendees of events to stay longer and enjoy themselves more.”

Zellers hopes the restrooms will encourage more people to host downtown events, as well as make people more comfortable when they visit the downtown area, including the walking trail nearby.

At the start of 2018, the town was informed it would be receiving a \$1 million grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation to be used for downtown sidewalks and lighting, which includes locations along US 35.

“Ever since we got on board with the Main Street organization a couple years ago, the downtown part of Winamac has really been coming along,” Zellers said. “We worked hard to get this grant for new sidewalks and street lights, and it will look really nice when it’s finished.”

# Cooking Corner

For a chance to be featured in the newsletter and win a prize, send your recipe to:

MPN Recipes  
11610 N. College Ave.  
Carmel, IN 46032  
or

[newsletter@impa.com](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

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## Pesto

Recipe submitted by Kristy Lewellyn of Linton, Indiana

- 2 cups packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup pine nuts
- 3 medium sized garlic cloves minced
- salt & pepper
- 1/2 cup parmesan - optional

Chop basil, nuts & garlic as finely as possible and slowly add other ingredients. The perfect start to your own Bruchetta. Or, serve over pasta or as an appetizer with crackers or bread.

## Chutney Cheese Canapé

Recipe submitted by Leisa Lowrey of Jasper, Indiana

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. chutney, chopped fine
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- toasted slivered almonds
- serve in 1/2 pineapple - optional

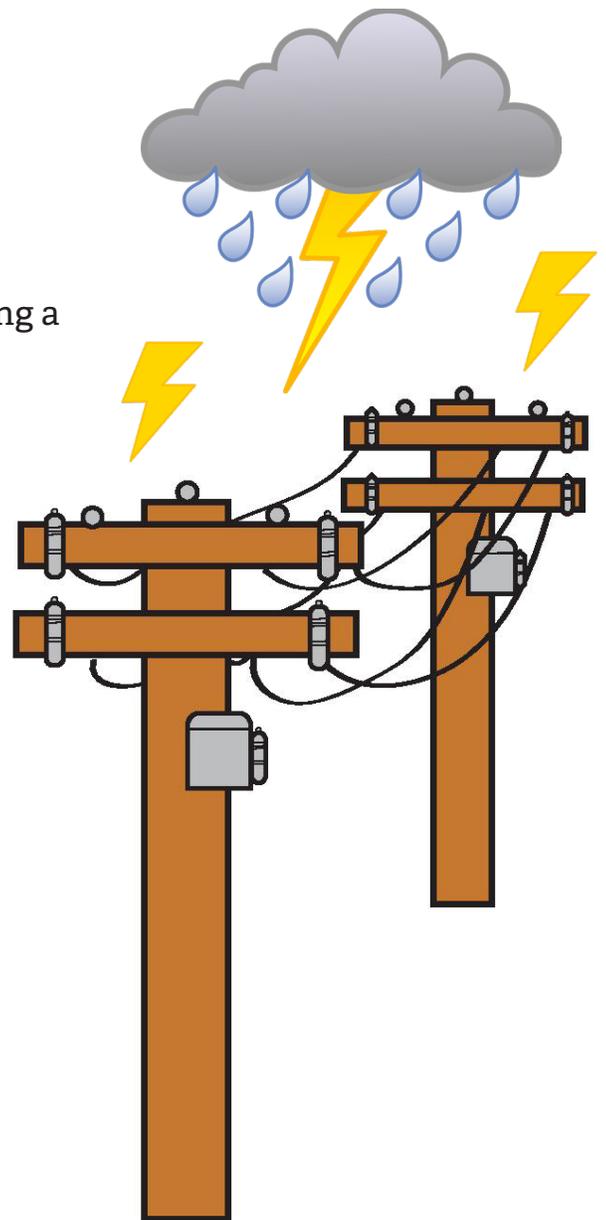
Blend all ingredients well in blender or food processor. Chill for at least 4 hours. Scoop out pineapple half & fill with mix. Top with almonds. Serve with crackers (Ritz are best).

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Advance         | Covington      | Huntingburg       | Paoli         | Thorntown    |
| Anderson        | Crawfordsville | Jamestown         | Pendleton     | Tipton       |
| Argos           | Darlington     | Jasper            | Peru          | Troy         |
| Bainbridge      | Dublin         | Kingsford Heights | Pittsboro     | Veedersburg  |
| Bargersville    | Dunreith       | Knightstown       | Rensselaer    | Walkerton    |
| Blanchester, OH | Edinburgh      | Ladoga            | Richmond      | Washington   |
| Bremen          | Etna Green     | Lawrenceburg      | Rising Sun    | Waynetown    |
| Brooklyn        | Flora          | Lebanon           | Rockville     | Williamsport |
| Brookston       | Frankfort      | Lewisville        | Scottsburg    | Winamac      |
| Centerville     | Frankton       | Linton            | South Whitley |              |
| Chalmers        | Gas City       | Middletown        | Spiceland     |              |
| Coatesville     | Greendale      | Montezuma         | Straughn      |              |
| Columbia City   | Greenfield     | New Ross          | Tell City     |              |

# Thunder and Lightning, Oh My!

**T**hunderstorms can be very unpredictable. It could be a warm, sunny day, and minutes later a dark cloud appears on the horizon. Every year in the United States, lightning kills about 100 people and injures about 250 others. Follow these steps to ensure the safety of yourself and others during thunderstorms:

- Be cautious and aware of your actions during a thunderstorm.
- Don't handle any kind of electrical equipment.
- Even using the telephone can be dangerous during a storm because lightning can follow the phone circuits after striking miles away. Cordless and cellular phones are generally safe, but any metal object can become a hazard when used outside during a storm.
- If you must be out during a storm, avoid wide open area and stay away from wire fences, railroad tracks and all metal objects.
- Also, stay clear of trees and poles – tall objects and wet wood attract lightning.



The bottom line is that storms are dangerous, so exercise caution and be prepared!

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## Tidbits & Trivia

**Question:** How many solar parks did IMPA open in 2017?

- a) 1
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 7

Send your answer to the question to IMPA, and we will randomly select winners from all of the correct entries to receive an energy efficiency prize pack. Please send your name, e-mail address and address with your answer to:

[newsletter@impa.com](mailto:newsletter@impa.com)

OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz  
11610 North College Avenue  
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IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

## Renewable Energy

Energy that is collected from resources which are naturally replenished on a human timescale, such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Example: Solar parks are a form of renewable energy.

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## Police Station

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Zellers said the new police station is a major improvement from the old station, and makes the officers feel as if they are at a home away from home while they are there.

“The new station is absolutely gorgeous on the inside and outside,” he said. “In the older building, they didn’t have their own break room or anything like that. Now they not only have a big break room, but they also have a nice kitchen with a big row of cabinets and they each get their own office upstairs.”

Zellers said the building also includes a six-car garage, which will help maintain the officers’ cars in the winter.

“It’s something that needed to be done for a while and we have great guys on the force,” he said. “They are extremely happy with the outcome of the building and deserve to have a nice place.” ●



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